

TGMI Steering Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2010

Committee Members:

Present:

Jon Zirkle - Chairman
E. Ross White – Vice Chairman
Mehran Mostijir – 2009 Class President
Marilou Cook – Member at Large
Georganne Martin – Member at Large
Phyllis Hodges – Member at Large
Chris Harris – Member at Large
Carolyn Estep – 2008 Steering Committee Member
Lauren Hill – Past Chairman
Julie Lamb – 2009 Steering Committee Member
Vojin Janjic – 2008 Steering Committee Member

Excused Absent:

Trish Pulley – Ex Officio
Dr. Tom Kohntopp – via conference call

Called To Order:

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jon Zirkle at 2:35 pm. The meeting was held in the James K. Polk Building, 12th floor conference room.

Treasurer Report:

Marilou Cook reported that the balance remains at \$1,170.32. She will oversee migration of the account to Wells Fargo who recently bought Wachovia.

Old Business:

a. Class of 2010 Graduation

Graduation will be November 9, 2010.
The TGMI group will walk and then the TGEI group.
The graduation will be held at the War Memorial Auditorium
Dr. Tim Kohntopp needs 4-6 alumni to help with ceremonies
Volunteers are: Jon Zirkle, Ross White, Phyllis Hodges, Lauren Hill, and Georganne Martin.

b. Web Directory

Several lap tops were set up at the Fall Conference. Some attendees went by and updated their information.
There was much discussion on how to set up user name and password. The user name will be the alumni's current email address. The password to sign on the

first time will be the alumni's first name. The system will prompt the alumni to change the password the first time.

Steering Committee Members will have administrative rights.

Chris Harris will help with updates.

The system can be used to:

1. Send out notices of upcoming events,
2. Search by department to determine who is an alumni; thereby, planning for future attendees,
3. Could possibly be used in the future to vote for candidates for office.

The goal is to have the alumni directory out to all alumni before 2011. Once the alumni have had a chance to update the information, then this directory will be used to send out notices.

Vojin Janjic will get with Mike Travis to compare notes on alumni and to show Mike the system and its uses.

Committee Reports:

a. Community Service Committee

Harpeth River clean up is planned for October 23, 2010. Meet at Foggy Bottom canoe rental off Highway 70 at 8:30. We will be on the river by 9:00. This event should finish up between noon and 1 PM.

October 29, 2010, is Ghouls at Grassmere Zoo. Register on line at: <http://www.nashvillezoo.org/>. No one under 10 years of age can volunteer. All volunteers will receive a one day free zoo pass to be used any time during the year. Let Robyn Probus know if you are participating.

b. Events Committee Update

October 21, 2010, a luncheon conference will be held at the amphitheater at the Bicentennial Mall. Small demonstration of the Civil War by Ranger Jerry Wooten will occur at high noon. All attendees are asked to be there by 11:30 to fellowship and eat their lunch. Everyone is to bring their own lunch and drink for this event.

December 3, 2010, is the TGMI Holiday Breakfast at the Ed Jones Auditorium at the Ellington Agricultural Center. Linda Cone will provide decorations. Greg Spradley is working on the entertainment. Lauren Hill will provide the table cloths. Three bids from caterers were discussed. Montgomery Bell won the vote.

Dr. Kohntopp, Commissioner Story and Assistant Commissioner Lytle will have the opportunity to speak.

Registration will be \$20.00, with an option to add \$1.00 or more to go to a local charity. A motion was made by Vojin and seconded that for each donation made

by an attendee at the Holiday Breakfast, the TGMI Alumni Association will match the donation up to a maximum total amount not to exceed 20% of the net event proceeds.

Registration will begin November 1 and cut off will be November 19, 2010.

Jon Zirkle and Ross White will have some presentations.

Mehran Mostijir will present certificates of service to past steering committee members.

c. Education and Leadership Committee

Giles County – October 7, 2010, Georganne Martin and Patsy Crook went and spoke to the Giles County vocational students during the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th period classes. The students were mostly interested in the medical field such as nursing, veterinary, physical therapy, or specialized doctor.

Memphis city schools have asked for a group to come and speak in February. The steering committee will call upon the alumni that live or work in West Tennessee to participate in this event.

Graduation for the 2010 classes of TGMI and TGEI is from 9:30 to 12:00 on November 9, 2010, at the War Memorial Auditorium (Located at Legislative Plaza). The classes will graduate back to back and networking and snack time will be held afterwards.

d. Charter Committee Update

Please submit all nominations by October 15, 2010, to Mike Travis. Elections for new officers will be held prior the breakfast in December.

New Business:

Pictures for slide show at Holiday Breakfast are needed:

The 2009 and 2010 classes need to send pictures of their two weeks together to Chris Harris.

If anyone has pictures from the Habitat for Humanity day, please submit those to Chris Harris.

Those who volunteer for the Ghouls of Grassmere, please submit those pictures to Chris, as well.

Marilou Cook and Ross White will try to get pictures from the Speakers Bureau.

Mehran Mostijir had a sample certificate and with minor modifications it passed a unanimous vote to proceed to prepare these to be presented at the Holiday Breakfast.

Tabled until future meeting:

Creating a history of TGMI that would be connected to the new directory.

Setting up Mentoring opportunities between management staff and newly hired state employees.

Open Discussion:

This month's recommended readings are:

The Oz Principle: Getting Results through Individual and Organizational Accountability
Roger Conners, Tom Smith, and Craig Hickman

Relationships 101: What Every Leader Needs to Know"
John C. Maxwell

Meeting adjourned at 4:12.

Regards,

Georganne Martin